

Sonoma Charter School
Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

5:00 p.m. Open Session

5:05 p.m. Closed Session

Meeting will be accessible at school – Conference Room, Sonoma Charter School

17202 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma, CA 95476

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Welcome to our Board meeting. Documents provided to a majority of the Governing Board regarding this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the School Office located at 17202 Sonoma Hwy., Sonoma, CA 95476 during normal business hours. Such writings and documents are posted on the School's website at <https://www.sonomacharterschool.org/> as well as on ParentSquare, and clicking on Board of Education. A file copy is also available in the the meeting room. Said file is not to be removed from the room.

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

5:05 p.m. CALLED PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER, ESTABLISHED QUORUM. Board members present: Cannard, Skinner, Elin. Hilary Sowers, Director and Catherine Stone, Int. Superintendent

I PUBLIC COMMENT - Opportunity for public to comment on Closed Session items(s).

A number of parents addressed concerns to the Board via Zoom and in-person:

Kate Cherry: Enrollment concerns because of students leaving, wants to hold onto tight-knit community and salvage relationships with personal outreach, wants progress reports on 1st grade and for the Board to communicate more.

Kimmy Peterson: Concerned about the 1st grade classroom, worried about academics and student engagement, feels that students are falling behind because of unmanaged behaviors, concerned about the lack of support for the teacher

Kaitlin Tinder: Has child in 1st, thinks there should be a full time aide in the classroom and 3 adults, communication needs to be improved, and that exit interviews should be done with those who left.

Krissy Kyjovsky: Her mom is retired and could be a coach for the teacher

Natasha Ward: Has 4th, 2nd, and 1st grade students. Her 1st grade is beginning to come home with poor behaviors and she is concerned.

Daniel Kalvig: son in TK, and has degrees in organizational development and education. Wants to be a part of the solution.

Ashley Heimann: Has concerns about her first grader. She feels that students are not being met at their educational level.

Laura Myers: Has a child in 1st. She feels that the aides need to know the students and the communication is key.

Christina Burnett: Wants to support the situation.

II CLOSED SESSION – The Board Recessed to Closed Session at 5:15pm

Board considered the following:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Gov. code §54957

Title: Principal/Director/Int. Superintendent

III RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION at 8:00pm

No action was taken in Closed Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:05pm